

REMARK

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended. No claims have been added, cancelled, or amended. Therefore, claims 1-21 are present for examination.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejection

Kobayashi

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-14, 16, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Kobayashi UK Patent Application 2324920.

The Applicant respectfully maintains that Kobayashi does not teach each and every element of claims 1-2, 4-11, 13-14, 16, and 17, as required to support a 102(a) rejection. Specifically, Kobayashi fails to teach that a processor converts "information received from the infrared transceiver to a radio frequency format" and that converts "information received from the radio frequency transceiver to an infrared format", as required by the claims.

With respect to converting IR data to RF data, Kobayashi teaches a transceiver that "converts transmission data <infrared radiation supplied by the infrared type connection apparatus 16> into a radio signal" (Kobayashi, p. 36, line 3). With respect to converting RF to IR data, Kobayashi teaches a transceiver that "converts reception data <an electric signal that is converted from a received radio signal> into infrared radiation" (Kobayashi, p. 35, lines 8-9). Kobayashi does not teach that these conversions are fully performed by the control circuit 12, as the Examiner indicates.

For at least these reasons, the Applicant believes that the Applicant's invention as recited by the claims is distinguishable and therefore allowable over Kobayashi, and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection

Kobayashi

The Examiner has rejected claims 3, 12, and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being anticipated by Kobayashi UK Patent Application 2324920.

Since claims 3, 12, and 15 depend, directly or indirectly, from claims believed to be allowable, and add further limitations, it is believed that claims 3, 12, and 15 are also allowable. Again, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are distinguishable over Kobayashi, and requested that these claims be allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the application now be allowed.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

The Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 for such an extension.

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Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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